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mensem for a period of 2 years to a few students undergoing a course of training in this institution.

(ii) *Rattan and Basket Making.*—This section started work in Meenam last. Rattan articles are being sold through the Sales Depot at Ooty. As there has been considerable demand for rattan articles and as the raw materials are comparatively cheap and abundant, the industry promises to thrive well. A stipend of Rs. 5 each per mensem is also proposed to be sanctioned for a period of two years to a few students undergoing a course of training.

(iii) *Embroidery.*—This section began work from Meenam and promises to thrive well, as its location in the Sales Depot facilitates the ascertainment of local tastes and catering thereto. This industry also is in its early stage and provision is made for the grant of stipends for a period of two years to a few apprentices.

(iv) *Durrie and Carpet Making.*—A Master artisan has been got down from Madras in Edavam last. The work of durrie and carpet making, it is hoped, can be commenced as soon as the looms and equipment already ordered for are received.

(v) *Lacquer work.*—This section is reported to be working satisfactorily. It is encouraging to note that a large number of orders for lacquer work articles are received through the Sales Depot at Ooty.

All these institutions are becoming increasingly popular and provision has therefore been made for their continuance during the next year.

To meet the growing demand for men with an elementary training in Electrical Engineering for the execution of several electric works that are being launched throughout the State, it is proposed to give a course of training in Electrical Engineering to the Mechanical Overseer students of the Sri Mulam Technical school, Trivandrum. Most of the apparatus and equipments required for imparting practical instruction on the subject are available in the Power House.

18. *Experimental Tannery.*—The Experimental Tannery at Karamanai was opened in the year 1100 and since then it has been working under the control of the Tanning Expert on a temporary basis. The main object of the Tannery is the development of tanning industry by carrying on research work on tanning materials available in the country and also by training men in tanning methods.

It is proposed to develop the Tannery and make it produce sufficient quantities of leather to meet the requirements of all Government departments except the Military and the Royal Stables. Government are of opinion that the institution could be run on a commercial basis and that the scope of the industry could be enlarged and the quality of products improved if more funds are provided for capital

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expenditure on machinery, etc. They also propose to start an instructional side to the industry by taking up some students yearly, preferably sons of tanners and persons connected with the tanning of leather, and to give them a training for two years with a stipend of Rs 5 each per mensem for the first year and Rs 10 each per mensem for the second year. Necessary provision has therefore been made for the purchase of machinery, etc., under the Service Head "Industries" and for the purchase of raw materials under "Debt Head—Advances".

A set of rules is being issued by Government under Section 35 of the State Aid to Industries Regulation (Regulation IV of 1108). According to the Regulation the main duty of reporting on industrial loans and keeping proper accounts thereof devolves on the Director of Industries. With a view to render the necessary assistance to the Director, in the matter of maintaining accounts, it is proposed to appoint a qualified Accountant and Auditor in his office who will also act as Secretary to the Board of Industries.

In this connection, I am glad to inform the House that the Sugar Factory at Tuckalay is now working satisfactorily. The average melt of jaggery now amounts to 75 candies per diem and good marketable white sugar is being produced, the yield being about 55 per cent in weight of the jaggery melted. It has also been found possible to minimise the working charges by adopting improved methods in working.

19. *Medical, Public Health and Sanitation.*—The Budget estimate for the net year is Rs 12·59 lakhs or Rs ·80 of a lakh more than the current year's revised estimate.

20. *Medical.*—The Administrative Board, Medical Services, which was created as a tentative measure, was abolished in the current year and the department was placed under the control of the Darbar Physician with two Deputies to assist him. Besides the provision for the continuance of the existing special temporary staff for leprosy work and for the appointment of additional staff for hospital work, the Medical budget includes provision for improved equipment in the General Hospital, Trivandrum, especially for the purchase of appliances for the clinical laboratory attached to that institution. The allotment for the purchase of medicines has also been increased by Rs ·25 of a lakh. A provision of Rs 5,000 has been made for the payment of the grant to the Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalli in view of the large number of Travancore patients who have been and are being treated in the institution.

21. *Ayurveda Department.*—In view of the growing popularity and usefulness of the Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum, and the limited number of beds for in-patients as compared with the number of patients coming in for treatment, it is proposed to increase the number of beds for in-patients. Provision has therefore been made for

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